

Grammar

1 Are the underlined words countable (C) or uncountable (U)?

- 1 I usually have a cup of hot chocolate when I get home from school. C/U
- 2 When you have some free time, let's have a game of tennis. C/U
- 3 My brother works at the new furniture shop in Jacob Street. C/U
- 4 There were a lot of mistakes in Suzy's homework. C/U
- 5 The word 'banana' comes from an African language. C/U

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2 Complete the sentences with relative pronouns. Write 0 if it is possible to leave out the pronoun.

- 1 That's a mistake people often make!
- 2 *The Return of the King* is a film won a lot of awards.
- 3 Miss Franks is the teacher first taught me English.
- 4 The film is about a couple young son can speak four languages.
- 5 There are now houses in the fields we played last year.

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3 Complete the conversation with one word in each gap.

- A: Hello. I'd like to ask you (1) questions about learning a language.
B: Yes, of course.
A: Great ... so how (2) languages can you speak?
B: I can speak Italian and a (3) Spanish. I'm also learning English at school.
A: How often do you study English?
B: Three times a week.
A: And does the teacher give you (4) homework?
B: Sometimes – but we don't get (5)
A: Thank you for your time.

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4 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

I've got (1) new app on my phone
(2) is for learning new words. It's easy to learn four or five new words a day. If you only have a
(3) time to study, it's great. There
(4) a lot of apps like this available and they only cost a (5) euros to download. I'd recommend it!

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Vocabulary

5 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 People from Egypt are
- 2 People in Thailand speak
- 3 People in Poland speak
- 4 People from Switzerland are
- 5 People from Japan are

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6 Add the prefixes *un-*, *in-*, *il-*, *ir-* and *im-* to these words to make negative adjectives. Complete the sentences with the adjectives. There are two extra words.

correct • formal • happy • legal • possible
regular • visible

- 1 Designers have invented clothes that can make you If you wear them, no one can see you!
- 2 I must memorise my list of verbs for tomorrow's test.
- 3 Lots of people download films but they forget that it's You can get into trouble with the police.
- 4 He says he can speak 25 languages but I don't believe him. That's !
- 5 I was a little with my marks in the exam because I know I can do better.

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7 Complete the advice about studying with one word in each gap.

How to learn new words

If you don't understand a word, use a dictionary to (1) it into your own language.

It's important to (2) new words. You must find a way to remember them. Try writing new words on cards or download a special app to help you.

(3) exercises in your school books to help you (4) using new words.

Don't worry if you (5) a mistake – we learn through our mistakes!

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8 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the text.

The language I study at school is (1) Russia/Russian. It's a fascinating language with its own alphabet - cyrillic - which is (2) unusual/irregular as it doesn't use roman letters. Last week I had to (3) take/make an exam and it was really difficult. However, I hope that if I study more I'll get better – it's not (4) possible/impossible! – and be able to speak to native speakers with (5) sincerity/confidence.

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Use of English

9 Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.

Can dogs (1) language? (2) animal lovers believe that their doggy friends can understand every word they (3) to them, but is this really true? It is more probable that dogs generally understand the way we say things and not the words (4) we say. So, for example, we can say 'Walkies!' and they get excited, but it's not (5) word 'Walkies!' that they recognise, it's the lift in our voice – the intonation. We can say another word with the same intonation and they get excited again! However, there are (6) types of dog that can understand separate words. We can train these dogs to understand (7) of different words. There is one dog in Germany (8) can identify over 200 different toys. The owner (9) the name of a toy and the dog finds the correct one from (10) big group of toys. This shows that doggy brains can give meaning to language.

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| 1 | A understand | B translate | C listen |
| 2 | A Lots | B Much | C Many |
| 3 | A tell | B say | C give |
| 4 | A that | B what | C who |
| 5 | A a | B the | C some |
| 6 | A few | B any | C some |
| 7 | A a lot | B a few | C some |
| 8 | A what | B which | C it |
| 9 | A tells | B says | C speaks |
| 10 | A one | B a | C the |

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Reading

10 Read the texts about when people started learning English. Match the comments (1–6) with the people (A–D). You can choose the people more than once.

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| 1 I think it's important to have fun when you're learning a new language. | 4 My parents are different nationalities. |
| 2 I'm not the only one in my family who can speak two languages. | 5 It's important to have a real reason to learn a language. |
| 3 I didn't speak any English in my first English lessons at school. | 6 It didn't take me long to learn English. |

A Eve

I can't remember when I first started learning English because it was – and still is – the language my family speaks at home. You see, my mum is English and she and my dad (who's French) thought it was a good idea for their children to speak English at home and French at school. It worked! My sisters and I speak both languages well, and I can go from one to the other without thinking.

B Igor

I never learned English at school because the foreign language we learned there was Spanish. I think children today learn English in school here – not like when I was young. I learned English when I worked in London for a year after university. I was so worried about the language! But I found that after a few weeks I knew what people were saying and I could say quite a lot. I think you learn a language best when you really need to, not just for passing exams at school.

C Alina

My first English lessons were when I was about seven, at school, but we didn't do very much! I don't remember anything from those lessons. We had one lesson every week and I forgot everything between the lessons. The only lesson that is still in my memory is when we imagined we were different fruits. I was a lemon and I walked around the room saying 'I am a lemon!' I thought it was very silly!

D Manuela

I didn't start learning English until I was 11 and it was so difficult. There were 30 students in my class and we never said anything in English. The teacher taught us grammar rules and we learned long lists of vocabulary for tests. I didn't understand why I was learning this strange language. The teacher didn't show us English films or magazines and we never played any games. The lessons were boring, so I didn't learn anything. I don't think our teacher was very good!

11 Complete the sentences with between one and three words in each gap.

- 1 Eve speaks English when she's
- 2 Igor thinks helped him learn English.
- 3 Alina found it difficult to things between lessons.
- 4 Manuela only studied in class.

12 Read the texts again and answer these questions.

- 1 When did Eve start learning English?
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- 2 How well can Eve speak English and French?
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- 3 What language did children in Igor's school learn when he was a boy?
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- 4 When did Alina start learning English?
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- 5 What did Alina think about imagining she was a fruit?
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- 6 How did Manuela feel about English classes at her school?
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Listening

13 Listen to part of an interview with a writer. Are these statements True (T), False (F), or is the information Not Mentioned (NM)?

- 1 The book teaches people how to speak a new secret language. T/F/NM
- 2 Children's secret languages aren't easy to understand. T/F/NM
- 3 The development of secret languages is quite a new thing. T/F/NM
- 4 Children find it more difficult to use secret languages than adults. T/F/NM
- 5 Adults' secret languages are very different from children's. T/F/NM

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14 Listen again and complete the notes with between one and three words in each gap.

Book on secret languages

- 'Tutnese' is spoken by a (1)
- Speakers of secret languages need to be able to (2) when they're talking.
- In one secret language, you put a word's (3) at the beginning.
- Criminals use secret languages so the police don't (4)
- In Cockney, 'plates of meat' means (5)

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Writing

15 You receive an email from an English-speaking friend who wants to learn a new language. They ask you to tell them about your experience of learning a language. Write an email.

Write 100–125 words.

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Speaking

16 Role-play the situation with your partner.

You are on a language exchange and you hear about a conversation club. You decide to ask the club's organiser for more information. Ask at least three specific questions.

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